## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TURSDAY, Dec. 26-6 F. M. The stock market was dull and persistently hammered day, but it closed with an improving tone, and the cobabilities favor a more active and buoyant speculaespecially after the turn of the year. At the early on of the open board New York Central sold at 95%, Session of the open board New York Central sold at 95%, Erie 96%, Reading 197%, Michigan Southern 74%, Cieveland and Toledo 113, Cieveland and Pittsburg 84%. Northwestern 35%, preferred 61%, Schuvikill Coal (a. 3) 14. At the first regular board Erie closed % higher than at the same time on Saturday, Fort Wayne %, Mariposa %, Quicksilver %. Northwestern and Rock Island were thank. Reading was 1/4 lower, Michigan Southern %, New York Central 34, Cleveland and Pittsburg 34, Cleve and Toledo I, Ohio and Mississippi certificates 1/2, overnment securities were firm. Coupon five-renties of the first and third series were 1/2 higher,

At the open board at one o'clock Erie was lower, sell-ing at 94%, but the rest of the list was about steady. At e half-past two session of the regular board Eric closed % lower than at the first board, Reading %, Michigan Southern %, Cleveland and Pittsburg 1%, Northwestern %, preferred %, Cleveland and Toledo 1, Rock Island %, ort Wayne 1. Quicksilver 16, Ohio and Mississippi cer

Fort Wayne 3, Quicksilver 3, Ohio and Mississippi certificates 4. Government-securities serve quiet. Seventhirty notes of the first series were 3, lower.
At the half-past three board New Tork United and at

65%. Eric 95%, Reading 107, Michigan Bouthern 75%,
Northwestern 36%, Cleveland and Pittsburg 82%, Rock

Island (a. 3) 106%. Fort Wayne 105, Schuylkill Coal 14.

Afterwards, on the street, the market was dull but firm,
Michigan Southern and Cleveland and Pittsburg being

the most active on the railway list. At 5:30 P. M. Pi burg sold at 95, Michigan Southern 74%, New York Cen-

er cent, and in some instances balances were hawked out at six per cent without finding borrowers. The secount line was quiet, the demand being light. commercial paper is easily discounted at 7 a 9 per on, but other grades range from 10 to 15, owing to the wation of lenders to invest in this kind of secunty, otherwise than first class and at short dates. The nk statement is extremely favorable, indicating, as it es, a steady accumulation of loanable funds at this entre. The legal tenders have increased \$5,003,964, e deposits \$2,108,117, the loans \$757,675, and the cirlation \$904,400. The specie has decreased \$926,398 he Treasury remains than easy position, the balance in he Sub-Treasury this afternoon being \$70,492,244.

The gold market was steady but dull, and loans were enerally made flat. The opening price was 145%, foling which there was a decline of 14, an advance to 145%, and a subsequent relapse to 145%.

Foreign exchange continues firm but dull. Banker.

k 100% for their bills at sixty days, and 110% a 1/4 at short sight; but buyers are unwilling to give more than 109% for long bills. The supply of commercial bills is nty and unequal to the demand.

Petroleum stocks were inactive.- At the the first board ennehoff Run closed 45c, higher than at the same time Saturday, selling at \$16 35; Pithole Creek 25c., selling \$14 75; United States 50c., selling at \$28. Clinton mold at \$1 75, Kentucky National Petroleum and Mining Company \$1 25, New York and Philadelphia 25c., Palmer Petroleum \$2 80, Pithole Consolidated \$2 70, First National 44c., Germania 29c., Ham McClintock \$6 75, Heydrick 55c., United Petroleum Farms 40c., Oil Creek At the second board Bennehoff closed 35c, lower then at the first board, selling at \$16. First National sold at 45c. anic 48c., Union'\$14, United States \$28, Central \$38, Buchanan Farm 77c., Walkill \$1 80.

The trustees of the creditors of the Ohio and Missis

sippi Railroad Company have just published their annual report, which was presented at their meeting on Decem The total amount of common certificates outstanding on December 1 was \$19,822,849; preferred, \$2,950,506—making a total of \$22,773,356. The securies which are convertible into common certificates agregate only \$535,762, the first mortgage bonds, second ortgage bonds and second mortgage coupons, in all out \$124,000, being convertible into preferred certificates. The statement which we quoted yesterday from the Cincinnati Gazette, is described by the trustees here as having been "made out of whole cloth." The 'earn ings for the year are stated in the report to have been December, and the expenses for the same time at 12,742,611, showing a net gain of \$1,016,622, and an inuse over the business of 1864 of \$597,159. "The phole amount payable January 1 next, for interest on londs and preferred certificates," says the report, "4s [225,000, and this sum is already in the hands of the A large amount of the expenditures represented to have been of an exceptional characterich as the rebuilding of bridges with substantial stone ments, the substitution of earthen embankments fe decayed treatle work the addition of improved water tations and the ballasting of a considerable portion of

The general impression in Wall street is that there will be "a brokers' market" during the remainder of the week on the Steck Exchange, but that January will witness an active speculation for a rise. The supply of money avail able for speculative uses is very large and still increas Ing in volume, and to this the disbursement of the divi-dends of public companies will add considerably. It will Cherefore be strange if the present inactivity should much longer continue. The market has however been assiduously hammered for so many days that a speedy eaction seems inevitable.

Mr. J. J. Roberts, of 44 Broad street, has been admit

ted a member of the regular Board of Brokers. The business at the Sub-Treasury to day was as fol-

lows:-		Self Septe	14 1 1 1	
Total receipts				1.025.48
Payments				7,950,19
Balance				
For customs				213,00
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Coin certificates.			CAN SOME WAY THE A	96,440
The following	dividends	are anno	unced:-I	irst Na

Monal Bank of Brooklyn; six percent and an extra dividend, four per cent; Grocers' National Bank, semi-au-nual, five per cent, free; Third Avenue Savings Bank, erest six per cent, free; Guardian Life Insurance Company, semi-annual three and a half per cont: Papa ma Railroad Company, quarterly, four per cent, and two per cent on earnings of steamers; Terre Haute and In dianapolis Railroad semi-annual, six per cont. free: Jap. pary coupons of city of Brooklyn; the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company will pay a quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent upon the stock of the Jolie and Chicago Railrond, and the stock of the Atton and St. Louis Railroad on the 1st of January : the Continental National Punk has declared a semi-annual dividend of ten per cent, payable January 5.

The following figures compare the last weekly state. ments of the New York associated banks with the re-

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	Dec. 16.	Dec. 23.
LOADH	\$227,814,356	\$228,572,034
Bpecie	16,981,435	16,055,037
Circulation	16,724,725	17,629,125
Deposits	180,913,753	183,021,870
Legal tenders	48,887,556	53,891,520
. The deviatio	ns are as follows:	
Increase in lo	ans	\$757,678
Decrease in sp	secie	926,398
Increase in cit	rculation	904,400
Increase in de	eposits	
Increase in le	gal tenders	
The transact	ions at the Clearing H	ouse last week com-
pare as follows	with the business of	the previous week :
Clearings for t	he week amiling Dec.	16 \$501.690,868
Clearings for t	he week ending Dec.	28 607, 287, 904
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	he week ending Dec. 2	

Balances for the week ending Dec. 23 Balances for the week ending Dec. 16 Balances for the week ending Dec. 23	19,020,326
The following is a report of the comp	
of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad duri	ng the month of
November:—	
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Tota	\$412,553

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bove road from January 1 to November 30	
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banking business since December, the business was between ten and diars "borrowed apital;" I had no avested in the business; the "bor-

January 1, 1866, will be paid at the Ocean National Bank, this city, from the 1st to the 15th of January.

The total anthracite coal tonnage of Pennsylvania for the season is 9,660,800 tons, against 10,187,042 tons last year to the same time, showing a decrease of 526,232 tons. The coal trade is nearly over, for though the rail roads are pretty much all the winter epen, short days and the time and labor devoted to necessary repairs in and about the mines limit production to a very sacon

The total value of the foreign exports from the port of

Baltimore last week was \$173,809.

The receipts on the Great Western Railway of Canada during the week ending December 22 amounted to \$84,545—an increase over the receipts for the same time

The Committee on the Judiciary in the South Openine Legislature has made a report recommending the remission of the penalties and ferfeitures imposed upon the banks of that State for not making payment of their notes in parrent coin, and for failure in pasks returns at their state and condition, and repealing the shareholders of provisions on this midject, declaring the shareholders of the banks have been placed in consequence of the great osses to which they have been subjected by the overthrow of the late rebel government and the universe

ruin which has been the result of war. The quantity of flour, wheat, corn and barley left at tidewater during the second week in December in the years 1864 and 1865 was as follows:-

Ft ur. t Mr. 2 Wheel, Inc. Corn, Inc. Barley, St. 1864.... 13,700 451,100 — 124,300 1865.... 79,700 580,800 583,200 282,600 Inc. . . . 66,000 Inc. 129,700 Inc. 583,200 Inc. 159,200 The aggregate quantity of the same articles left at tidewater from the commencement of navigation to the close thereof, inclusive, during the years 1864 and 1865 was as

Flour, tbls. Wheat, bu. Corn, bu. Barley, bu. 1864. 1, 198,000 15 916,700 10,362,490 3,169,200 1805. 1,014,000 10,579,200 18,899,900 4,551,600

Dec. 184,000 Dec.5.337,500 Inc 8,347,500 Inc 1,382 400 The receipts of new crop of barley in 1865 were 4,376, 800 bushels In 1864 they were 3,003,100 bushels, showing an excess of new crop receipts of 1,373,700 bushels. By reducing the wheat to flour the quantity of the latter left at tidewater this year, compared with the corres ponding period last year, shows a deficiency of 1,251,500 barrets flour. The following comparative table shows the quantity of some of the principal articles of product

pavigation in the	years indical	.ed:-	
CALL STREET, SALES	1863.	1864.	1865.
Canal Opened	May 1.	April 30.	May 1.
Flour, barrels	1,560,800	1,198,000	1,014,000
Wheat, bushels	.22,206.900	15,916,700	10,579,200
Corn	,20,603,800	10,352,400	18,699,900
Barley	. 3,190,500	3,169,200	4,351.600
Malt	1000	STATE OF THE PARTY	514,700
Oats	.12,417,500	13,730,100	10,847,500
Rye		647,200	1,351,900
Beef, barrels		82,800	9.709
Pork		59,000	15,409
Bacon, pounds	. 3.711,600	580,000	1,273,100
Butter	. 5,171.500	1,460,000	1,839,400
Lard	20.776,100	2,986,000	2,002,200
Cheese	. 9,614,000	4,516,000	17,618,400
Wool	429/200	1,302,100	663,200

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100 Mariposa Mg Co. 15	100 Chic & NWRRprf 61%
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CITY COMMERCIAL REPORT. Monpay, Dec. 26-6 P. M.
Alconol was quiet and nominal, with triding sales at

Ashr. -Receipts, none. The market was dull and hear f, but prices were nominally unchanged.

BREADSTOFFS.—Receipts.—6,000 bbls flour, 628 do. cor

meal, 9,450 bushels corn, 3,670 do, oats and 670 do, malt. The market for State and Western flour was only moderaisly active, but prices were firmer, the market closing 5c, a 10c, in sellers' favor. The sales were about 7,000 bbls, at our revised quotations subjoined. Sou hers flour was in moderate demand, and a shade firmer. The dour was in mojerase about 450 bbls. Causals flow was moderately active, and prices ruled 5c. a 10c. higher. The sales comprised 350 bbls. Rye flour was inactive, and our analysis. Green made was also quiet.

nexed quotations are nominal. Corn meal was also qu	tes.
We quote:-	
Superfine and Western flour \$7 20 a \$7	60
Extra State 8 30 a 8	
Choice State 8 50 a 8	
Common to medium extra Western 8 26 a 8	70
Extra round hoop Ohio 8 65 a 9	
Western trade brands 9 10 a 10	10
Common Southern 8 90 a 10	00
Fancy and extra do	25
Common Canadian 8 25 a 8	
Good to choice and extra 8 65 a 11	
Rye Bour (superflue) 5 50 a 6	
Corn meal, Jerney 4 25 a 4	50
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-Wheat was rather quiet, but prices advanced to a	90.
per bushel. The sales were \$25,000 bushels at \$1	10.
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\$1.00 for No. 1 Milwaukee, including choice new; \$1.85 for Milwaukee club, and \$1.70 for Chicago spring. The corn market was stendy, with a fair demand. The sales were about 45,000 bushels at 91c. a 95c. for unsound, \$6c. a 97c for sound mixed Western, and 92c. a 97c. for yellow Southern. Rye was firm, with sales of \$0.000 bushels at \$1.15 for Canada and \$1.08 for State. Mall was unchanged in every respect. Barley was dull and heavy.

heavy.

COTTON—The market was quiet but steady. New Or-eans middling continued very scarce and 53c. was readily obtained, the market clesing firm for all grades,

with sales of 175 bales at our			
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Ordinary 43	44	44	45
Middling 51	62	28	53
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Good middling 53	64	54	55
COFFEE was steady at our qu	otations. 1	No cargoes	have
been sold. The stock compris	son 71 509 h	age Pio In-	dud-
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25.00 m. co. 10 co. 25,000, 25,000, 250,000 and 35,006. To the process high about the

stramer, 25 tierces beef at 5c. 6d. The charters are a brig to Buillin, grain, at 2a. 8d.; see to Baillo and Rio, and one to clienturess, a bark to Malanana and a brig to Cork, for orders, petroleum, en private teems.

First.—All kinds were quiet, but prices generally remained steady. We have no important transactious to report. We quote Grand Bank sod, \$7 a \$8 6d.; 8d. Georges do., \$9 25; shore No. 1 mackarel, \$25 2e a \$23; shore No. 2 do., \$18; large No. 3 do., \$15; bay No. 1 do., \$17 a \$17 25, and bay No. 2 do., \$16 a \$16 25; pickled salmon, No. 1, \$37; do. No. 2, \$35; pickled codilab, \$8 50 a \$9; pickled scaled fish, \$8 25 a \$7 50; box herring, 60c. and 56c. for scaled fish, \$8 25 a \$7 50; box herring, 60c. and 56c. for scaled and No. 1 respectively.

Histor was dull, but steady. We heard of no special sales in foreign. Bmall sales dreesed American were made at pravious prices. We quote jute \$20 per toe, gold. Hemp tow was quiet and nominal. The offerings were very limited.

More were full and sominal, with males of 5,000 Vera Cruz, averaging 10 ibs., on private terms, and about 2,000 Bucano Ayres, 2d lbs. averagely at 29 6c., 20 dd.

Laxarum was insactive but steady for all sorie, at our quotations, as follows:—Oak slatighter and salted—Good light, \$5c. a \$5c.; do. heavy, \$2c. a \$5c.; do. heavy, \$2c.

ing, with sales at \$3 a \$4 50 per bol., including Wilmington.

OILSARE was quiet and unchanged. We learned of no sales what ver.

OILS — The market for all descriptions of fish oils, though qui't, was steady, with a small jobbing trade at our quotations as follows:—Bleached winter whale, \$1 70; crude do., \$1 50; manufactured whiter sperm, \$2 65; natural do., \$2 60; crude do., \$2 50; Bank, \$1 25; Strats, \$1 35. Linseed oil was dull, but unchanged. Grushers were supplying their regular trade at \$1 43 a \$1 454for cask and boll. Lard oil was nominally a shade in seller's favor. The market, however, continues dull and unsettled. Grease sold from \$1 25 a \$1 75 as to quality, while prime winter ranged from \$2 a \$2 10 city distilled. Red oil was jobbing at \$1 10.

Provisions.—Receipts, 50 bbls, pork, 84 do beef, 56 packages cut meats and 220%cgs lard. The market for pork was less active, but prices were somewhat higher. The sales were about 4000 bbls at \$28 50 a \$29 for mess, closing at \$28 94, cash; \$24 60 for prime mess, and \$24 for new prime mess. Beef was unchanged. The sales were about 450 bbls, at \$11 a \$14 for oild plain mess, \$14 a \$17 for do, extra mess, and \$22 a 24 for new do. Beef hams were dull, with sales of 200 bbls, at \$32 50 a \$35 Bacon was in improved demand and prices were steady. The sales were about 900 baces, mostly Cumberland cut, at 14%c, for present delivery, and 14%c, a 14%c. The sales were demand and prices were steady. The sales reached 200 packages at 16c, a 19%c. Butter and cheese were dull, heavy and doctining. The former sold at 20c, a 35c, for Western, and 28c, a 18c, for sham, the large market was active and firmer. The sales were (dull, heavy and nominal the sales were not at 2,000 bbls, mainly at 41c, for crude, 64c, for refined, in bond, and 81c, a 83c, for free.

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in better sorts. Sales, 571 innus. Associated as a second sort. Tarkey was steady, but quiet. The sales were about \$6,000 lbs. at 13½c. a 14½c.

Wook was dull and nominal. 75,000 lbs. State, Itlinois and Ohlo fleece sold mainly at 60c. a 79c.

WHENEXT.—Receipts, 382 bbls. The market continued dull and nominal, closing tregular, with a few small sales at \$2.28 a \$2.30.

New Bedford OH Market.

The market is, as usual at this season of the year, quiet. The transactions have confined to sperm, in which the sales have been 450 barrels, including 150 landed from the Acaso, at \$2.45, and in Nantucket 230 barrels, the E. H. Adams', cargo, to be roulled and delivered here at \$2.48 per gallon. Imports of sperm and whale oil and whalebone into the United States, for the week onding December 26, 1865.

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New Bedford. Sperm. Bark Acase	Whale. Burrels	Potenda.
Total. 1,439 Previousty 33,193	75,973	590,500
From January 1 to date.34,832 Same time last year 84,114	75,978 71,767	\$90,500 055,900
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The Hopper Will Case.

This case, which has been before the public for over decided on Friday last in the Court of Appeals,

four years, and has attracted considerable attention, was finally decided on Friday last in the Court of Appeals, all the judges concurring, in favor of the heirs at law and against the will, supporting the decisions of the Surrogate and General Term of the Supreme Court, Indiang that the testator, at the time he put his signasture to the paper alleged to be his will, had not what in law is termed a "testamentary capacity"—in 5thor words, had not mind enough to exercise a choice as to the disposal of his property.

In October, 1861, the attorney of Mr. Charles Hopper prepared a will, which was signed by Mr. Hopper on the 28th of October, three days before his death. By this will the bulk of the property, estimated at \$200,000, was given to Chauncer Shaffer and A. M. Fanning, upon trust, to sell and divide the proceeds between the American Seaman's Friend Society and the Ladies' Union. Aid Society of the Methodist Episcoyal church in the city of New York. The will was offered for probate by Chauncey Shaffer alone, Mr. Fanning refusing to join in the application for probate. The heirs at law objected to the admission of the alleged will to probate, on the grounds of undue influence and the want of mental capacity in the testator. The application for probate was vigorously supported by the above named societies.

In March, 1864, after more than one thousand printed pages of testimony had been taken, the Surrogate made a decree refusing to admit the will to probate.

From this decision the above named societies appealed to the Supreme Court, and at a general term, in May, 1865, that court affirmed the Surrogate's decree. The societies again appealed to the Court of Appeals, with the result above stated.

Police Intelligence.
FIGHT AND STABRING APPRAY IN MOTT STREET. On Monday evening a fight took place in the premises of Michael Lynch, 60 Mott street, between a number of of Michael Lynch, 60 Mott street, between a number of parties who had collected there, during which Patrick Dunleavy, of 75 Mulberry street, was terroly beaten about the head and body and stabbed in the face and hip. Owen White, a man twenty-four years of age, was subsequently arrested by officer Poe, of the Sixth precinct, on the charge of stabbing Dunleavy. The wound in the hip is of a dangerous character, but that in the face is not serious. White was detained for examination before Justice Hogan. A disreputable youth known as "Piggy" was concerned in the assault, but he has not yet been arrested.

Michael Burns was brutally assaulted on the corner of Rieventh arenue and Twenty-necond street by Daniel Martia and William Lane, who beat him with their Cota in a most brutal manner, after which one of them struck Burns on the head with a silver pitcher, cutting a deap and dangerous gash. The assailants were arreated, and Justice Dadge committed them for examination. There are some four concerning Burns' recovery.

THEFT OF A HORSE AND WAGON. Andrew Jackson Brower recently hired a horse, wagon and harness, valued at \$300, from Michael Fisher, of 19 Lexington avenue, for the avowed purpose of going to Yorkville, instead of which, however, it is stieged be went to Norwalk, Connecticut, where he was subsequen-ity arrested. The prisoner was brought back, and yester-day Justice Dodge committed him for trial.

DANGEROUSLY STARRED. A difficulty occurred between John Kitchen and Owen Gaffney, corner of Sixteenth street and Tenth avenue, on Monday evening, when Kitchen produced a knife and stabbed Gaffney in the abdomen, inflicting a deep and dangerous wound. Officer Griffin, of the Sixteenth pre-cinct police, arrested Kitchen, and Justice Dodge com-mitted him to await the results of Gaffney's injuries. The latter lives at 451 West Sixteenth street.

TENEMENT HOUSE ROW AND STABBING. Mary Bonsel and Julian Chestnut, living in the tenement house 144 Cherry street, had a quarrel on Monday night, when Chestnut drew a knife and stabbed Mary in the back. The steel penotrated to the depth of two inches and upwards, and the wound is considered to be quite dangerous. Chestnut was arrested by officer Jar-boe, of the Seventh precinct, and Justice Shandley com-mitted him for examination.

PICKPOCKET AT THE MINSTERLE. Samuel S. Garvin, a young man, was arrested by officer Davis, of the Eighth precipet, charged with stealing a

Hiram G Seal, a fruit dealer, twenty-one years of age lodging at the Seweit House. College place, was arrested by detectives Tilley and Scott, of the Third precinct, on the charge of having stolen two hundred and twenty do hars in Treasury notes, from Mr. Solon Dike. It appears that the prisoner, meeting Mr. Dike, with whom he was partially acquainted, invited him to lodge in his-room. The invitation was accepted, and during the night the prisoner arose and slots the measy from Mr. Dike's pocket. When arrested the stolen money was found in the possession of the prisoner, and he picaded guilly to taking it. Seal was taken before Justice Hogan and committed to the Tombs for triat. Hiram C. Scal, a fruit dealer, twenty-one years of age

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After debating on other points at great length the counsel broke off at quarter past four o'clock in the other acon, with the intention of concluding this morning,

The Board, pursuant to adjournment, met at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, Alderman Jeremiah in the chair. A communication was received from the Board of Councilmen calling the attention of the Mayor. Street Inspector and Street Cleaning Commission to the hithy condition of the public thoroughfares. Referred

to the Committee on Streets.

A petition from the managers of St. Luke's Hospital, requesting a donation, was laid over under the rules.

A resolution was offered increasing the salary of the Cliek of the Superintendent of Markets to twelve hundred dollars. Carried.

A resolution directing the Committee on National Affairs to procure for the Eleventh regiment New York State National Guard a stand of colors, at an exponse not to exceed sight hundred dollars, was adopted.

A resolution directing the Comptroller to pay to J. G. & I. Edge the sum of \$17.700 for fireworks furnished on the occasion of the celebration of the national anniversary was adopted after some discussion.

A resolution directing the completion of the Soldiers' Monument in Calvary Cametery, the expenses of the same not to exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose by a previous ordinance, was adopted.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Mayor to offer a reward of \$1,000 for the nurderer or murderers of Daniel Claffy, who was assassinated during a fracas at the Lion Brewery some time since.

The ordinance lessing to the Nursery and Child's Hospital the premises at the corner of Fifty-first street and Lexington avenue was called up, and a remonature presented against the proposed action of the Beart by

adopted.

Alderman McKmdur called up the resolution densiting \$10,000 to St. Mary's Parochial School, and it was lost for want of a sufficient number of votes. The vote was reconsidered, and the resolution laid over.

After transacting a quantity of routine business the Board adjourned to meet this afternoon at two o'clock.

Board of Supervisors.
The Board of Supervisors met yesterday, Supervisor

Twoed presiding.

Supervisor Ear moved that the Comptroller be requested to communicate to the Board at its next meeting the amount paid by him during the last six months to the Superintendent of the New Gourt House for services as such. Adopted.

A resolution to pay & Oskey Hall the amount of \$5,556 12 disbursed by him as District Attorney during \$5,666 19 dispursed by him as District Australia of the six months ending December 31 was offered and adopted en condition that the amount paid out did not exceed the amount collected.

The Hariem Bridge Commissioners reported the amounts appropriated, expended and on hand for the construction of the bridge since the appointment of the presses (Ommissioners:

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supervisor. Err saked if the Commistee on Printing
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100 no action whatever jet on that matter.
The Board thes adjourned to to-morrow (Thursday).

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The Reported Workings of the Government Cotton Harcasu in the Senth.

(Franche Hedde Register, Dec. 19.]

The government cotton scening which has assumed such pertentous form in the land is directly traceable to the operations of this bureau. Its agents inaugurated the grab game, and although there have been a few honorable exceptions. these agents, as a rule, appeared to settle down upon the country as so many irresponsible harples to fix upon every man's cotton the taint of Confederate government, on the surronder of General Taylor, turned over to General Canby one hundred and twenty thousand bales of Confederate government cotton, with his lists, books and sacounts in perfect order. If the government has over received or ever will receive ton thousand bales of this amount we shall be surprised to learn it. Where is the rest? It has been stoien—stolen by the balo, by the plantation lot, by the steambout toad.

When government harpies pounced upon cotton passim they inaugurated the game of grab, which was quickly initiated. The planters at once lost faith in the integrity of the government, and in resisting the efforts of its agents to rob they early learned to believe in the morality of the iseson that it was fair to rob the robber. No title, no rights, no papers of protection were sufficient to cover a man's claim to his own. The official paw was ruthlessly put upon it, and armed soldiers were called in to on'orce the seizure. One there, the chances were even that the cotton was lost-forever; if recovered, a slice had to go for release and expenses. Did a man have a good and simpreguable title to a lot of seized out too, his chances of success were in an inverse ratio with the excellence of his title. We have seen men with such claims stand by in hopeless deapair, while, begus claims by the boat load were passed and shipped abroad beyond government reach. It became notori

vising agent ut Mobile, and although no order to this offect is made public the fact of the seizure is undoubted.

The trains on this road have been for some time past exclusively devoked to bringing the government cotton to Mobile. We learn from an official source that the railroad company has brought it all in—all that there is any account of. But Mr. Tonney imagines or suspects that there may be some stray bales of public cotton yet ingering bohind—he does not know where, but it may be somewhere. So, in order to be sure to catch it, he spreads his official net to catch all the cotton that comes over the road, and he hads it until the owner makes the nogalive proof that it is not government cotton. The immediate effects are disturbance and confusion in the trade, derangement of planler's plans, and of merchants schemes of business, founded on expected receipts and a general indignation against so unheard-of a proceeding.

We hear that the Chamber of Commerce is expected to take notice of this order and bring it to the attention of the proper department at Washington. We have been afflicted long enough with the tyranny sind rolly of cotton guidents, and if President Johnson has any mercy at alf epon thus people let him show at by relieving them of the Egyptian plague of the Cotton Burcau.

Since the foregoing was in type we have received for publication a notice from Mr. Tonney, modifying the order in question.

STRIKING CONTRAST BETWEEN THE RECEITION OF UNION AND THE LATE REBEL ORNERALS.

[Montgomery (Dec. 14) correspondence of the Nashville Union.]

An occurrence took place in the Alabama Legislature a day or so ago which is worth mention, as an indication of the loyalty which prevails in this headquarters, where Yancey, Sam Rice, Tom Watta and others fulminated transity. General World, the compression of Alabama.

day or so ago which is worth mention, as an indication of the logisty which prevails in this headquarters, where Yancey, Sam Rice, Tom Watts and others fulminated treason. General Woods, the commander of Alabama, has been in the city during the session of the Legislature. General Thomas, not unknown to fame as a leader of the Union armies, and the commander of four States (Alabama included), was in the city last week, ou official business.

General Swayne, of the Preedmen's Burcau, was here, watching the attempted legislation discriminating against freedmen, and in communication with the Governor. That august body, sworn to support the United States constitution, and intended to be a Union Legislature, as much so as that of New York, with the flag over the Capitol (or it ought to be there), took no official (and but little private) notice of these distinguished representatives of the nation, invited them not to its hails, scan no committee to wait upon them, ignored them entirely. Well, this might be considered a sin of omission, a specimen of bad breeding, a sullen manifestation of disrespect, which hurt nobody but the Legislature and the State, and so it might have passed by.

But 'mark the contrast, General Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, made his appearance in Montgomery, lean unpardoned rebel, lately in arms against-the United States. Instantly Mr. T. B. Berthea, of Montgomery, lately specially pardoned by the President, cises in his seat, offers a resolution to honor Hampton, to lovith him to the hall of the House, and that a committee of three heappointed to wait upon and eacort him in. It was carried, sem con. Berthea, Gibson and Worthy were made as all committee. They, a guard of honor, escorted the distinguished uppardoned enemy of the United States government to the hall, the members rose to receive him; Speaker Cooper made a glorification speech of welcome, and General lampton happily responded, complimenting Alabama's exertions in and devotion to the cause (the attempt to overthrow the Union and g

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## INTERESTING FROM MINNESOTAL

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OUR ST. PAUL CORRESPONDENCE.
St. PAUL Minn., Dec. 19, 1866.
Minnesota, the land of sky tinted waters and glorious aunsets, bids fair at no distant day to become one of the most flourishing and populous States in the West. Its well known salubrious climate, fertile soil, innumerable rivers and lakes, and abundance of the fluest kind of timber, render it one of the most attractive points fee emigrants on this continent. The outlay of Eastern capital here is immense, and the profits derived from the yarious investments fully compensate those who have

capital here is immense, and the profits derived from the various investments fully compensate those who have the energy and the pluck to risk their all in a now Stant This country is tettled almost exclusively by Eastern people, New York taking the lead, not only in the cities the exclusive the resurces of State, but shroughout the entire country.

I wish here to disaboue the public mind of the except that exists among Eastern people relative to the everth of Minnesote winters. It is a great suitable to imposituat, because the thormometer indicates twenty-five a thirty degrees below seen, the climate is anendom bie. The fact is that the winters are far more agreeable than those experienced in New York or New England or why would physicians recommend the climate for a valider Consumptives from all parts of the United State than those experienced in New York or New England, or why would physicians recommend the climate for exaministic Consumptives from all parts of the United States flock hither, and pronounce the weather unsurpassed. Sursly if invalids can stand the climate people in the full possession of health can find no cause for complaint. The winter usually sets in about the ist of December, and lasts until the end of March or middle of April. When anow falls it remains on the ground until spring, affording the inhabitants continuous sleighing during the onlire winter. Occasionally we have a warm day and a thaw, but we are not often troubled with such weather. As a general thing the atmosphere is clear and cold, and tailly devoid of dampness. It is the peculiar dryness of the sir which renders the cold so bearsble and so healthful for invalids, especially in cases of dyspepsia and lung complaints. I intend to treat more fully upon the suitableness of this chimate for invalids hereafter, and hope to demonstrate its superiority over that of Cuba, Florida and other southern latitudes.

We were visited by rather a curious phenomenon a few days ago, known in vulgar parlance as the "Sun Poga." It is quite common in high latitudes, and is sometimes observed in the northern part of the State of New York. The thermometer stood at twolve decrees below zero, with a hazy atmosphere, when suddenly there appeared three suns, instead of one. In other words, the sun was flanked on each side by a luminary of its own sina, but not quite so brilliant in appearance. Over the sun and his "dogs," at an angle of eighty degrees perhaps, appeared an inverted rainbow, as distinct in all its beauteous colors as if there was a shower of rain falling. To strangers the phenomenon was an object of much interest, and they watched it for hours. The moon sometimes appears with her "dogs," and those who have observed the freak of nature say the effect is truly beautiful.

The weather has been quite cold here during the past week. For three days the moreury

Street Affray at New Haven. NEW HAVEN, Conn. Dec. 25, 180

John Dolan, a laborer, was killed in a street affra which occurred here to-day. It appears to have been a MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

CLHLAND -- WOOD -- On Monday night, December 25, a Gold Spring, N. Y., by the Rev. 2, N. Lowis, Grond CLHLAND, of Williamsburg, to Miss EMMA J. WOOD, e

the former place.

Downso—Snawrano.—On Thursday, December 21, by the Rev. John Dowling, B. D., at the residence of the bride's brother, John K. Shoppard, Joseph I. Downso to Marx J., daughter of the late George G. Sheppard.

FOLORE.—Drown.—On Wednesday, December 20, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Dr. Glessen, heimer, Rousar C. Folore, of Poughkeepsie, to Esma 7. Diogra, of New York. No cards.

Poughkeepsie papers please copy.

HAUGHTON—ALGIGHS.—On Thursday, December 21, the Brinnanuel church, Baltimore, by the Rev. Dr. Schecol, Brissy Orngung Haughton, Esq., of Liverpool, England, of Sognia Rhoelly, daughter of F. W. Alricks, Esq., at Baltimore.

G Sorgia Ridonir, daughter of F. W. Alricks, Esq., Ballimore.

Hogan—Mondan.—On Thursday, December 7, at Wilton, Conn., by the Rev. A. U. Stanley, D. C. Hodan, dishis city, to Harris E. Mondan, odly daughter of Charles Morgan, Esq., of the above plane.

Kasir—Aventy.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, December 26, at the Church of the Messiah, by the Rev. George Thrail, J. Lester Kesp., M. D., to Saran C., daughter of E. L. Avery, Esq.

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Mathumson—Hardy.—In this city, on Monday, December 25, by Rev. John Brash, at 230 West Forty-third street, Mr. Anderson J. Hartimwson to Mis. Januar Hardy, all of this city. No cards.

Olds—Fahrenich.—On Thursday, December 21, by the Many A. Hartimus Fahrenich, daughter of the late Will.

H. Fairchild, of this city.

Physion—Groody.—On Monday, December 28, at South Bergen, N. J., by Rev. Win. Day, Mr. John Prinste, deligence. N. J. & Miss Saran A. Groody of the forms.

PERSON - GROOM:
Bergen, - N. J., by Rev. Wm. Day, Mr. John Arman,
Belvalero, N. J. to Miss Saram A. Groom, of the former
place.
Ruardo—Colle.—At Hackensack, N. J., on Thursday,
December 21, by the Rev. Dr. Fisher, Gronen Rithmen,
Jr., to Miss Analam, youngest daughter of Jacob Cole.
Esq., all of the above place.
Williams - Cronwinil..—On Sunday, December 24, by
the Rev. J. L. Hodge, D. D., Mr. Nicolas L. B. H. Williams
U. S. N., to Miss Helena Cronwell, adopted daughter of
General P. Crosby, of Brooklyn, L. I. No cards.
Philadolphia papers please copy.

Brown. -The only daughter of Margaret and David Brown, agod I year, 10 months and 15 days. The funeral will take place, from 342 less Thirteental street, at half-past one o'clock. Balowin. -On Monday, December 25, at her residence, No. 10 Lumbardy street, Newark, N. J., Mrs. Elizassin Balowin, daughter of the late John Luggar, aged 52 years.